

Farmers Sowing Wheat In March, 1884

Quite a number of real interesting things in March, 1884. One thing similar to this year is the early Spring. Farmers in the Plumas area were seeding before the month was out. Also of interest was the rise of the farmers' union and their battle with the federal govt. to get an extension of the province north to the Hudson's Bay. Editor Moodie was prominent in the fray. It is well for readers to realize that up to 1881 the western boundary of the province was along the Keyes-Helston road, & the northern boundary a little north of Plumas. And in 1884 it extended only about one-third of the way to the port of Churchill. It is revealing to see that even at that time the "on to the bay" was a battle cry against eastern interests. — The re-vamped \$10,000 debenture issue is coming up for a vote. — Lots of action before Judge Ryan. — A new experiment in well-digging has disastrous results. — Local debaters best Portage team. — Treasurer T. L. Morton enlightens a pestiferous ratepayer on accepted bookkeeping methods. — Editor Moodie and Mr. Jones tangle on milling charges. — Mrs. Hyndman, 95, leaves 243 descendants.

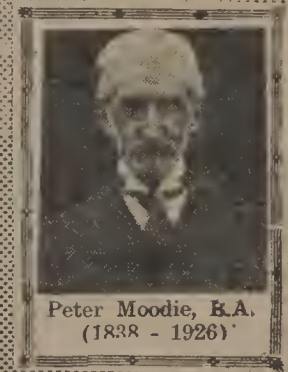
The "Galloway Pictures" To Be Featured

Finally - after some 43 years of wishing and hoping - we have access to the 'Galloway Pictures'. And it was "so easy". Just a phone call and a quick trip to Brandon. Dr. and Mrs. McDiarmid proved wonderful hosts and are so genuinely interested in the old town that we were sent back home with some 14 of the "Golden Oldies." Many of these appeared in his mother's beautiful book "I Lived in Paradise," and a few are displayed in the town hall, a gift of Mrs. McDiarmid, Sr. These pictures show the town as it was in the early 1880's and most of the more important structures can be identified with a fair degree of correctness.

It is well that readers have an opportunity early in their reading the "100 Years Ago" history to form the right perspective of the town in those days. These pictures will be helpful. Only two will be featured this issue, but they'll be spread out over five pages - all to help you get the "right perspective".

Readers of the first two chapters will have realized by now, we hope, where the (*Italics*) come from.

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



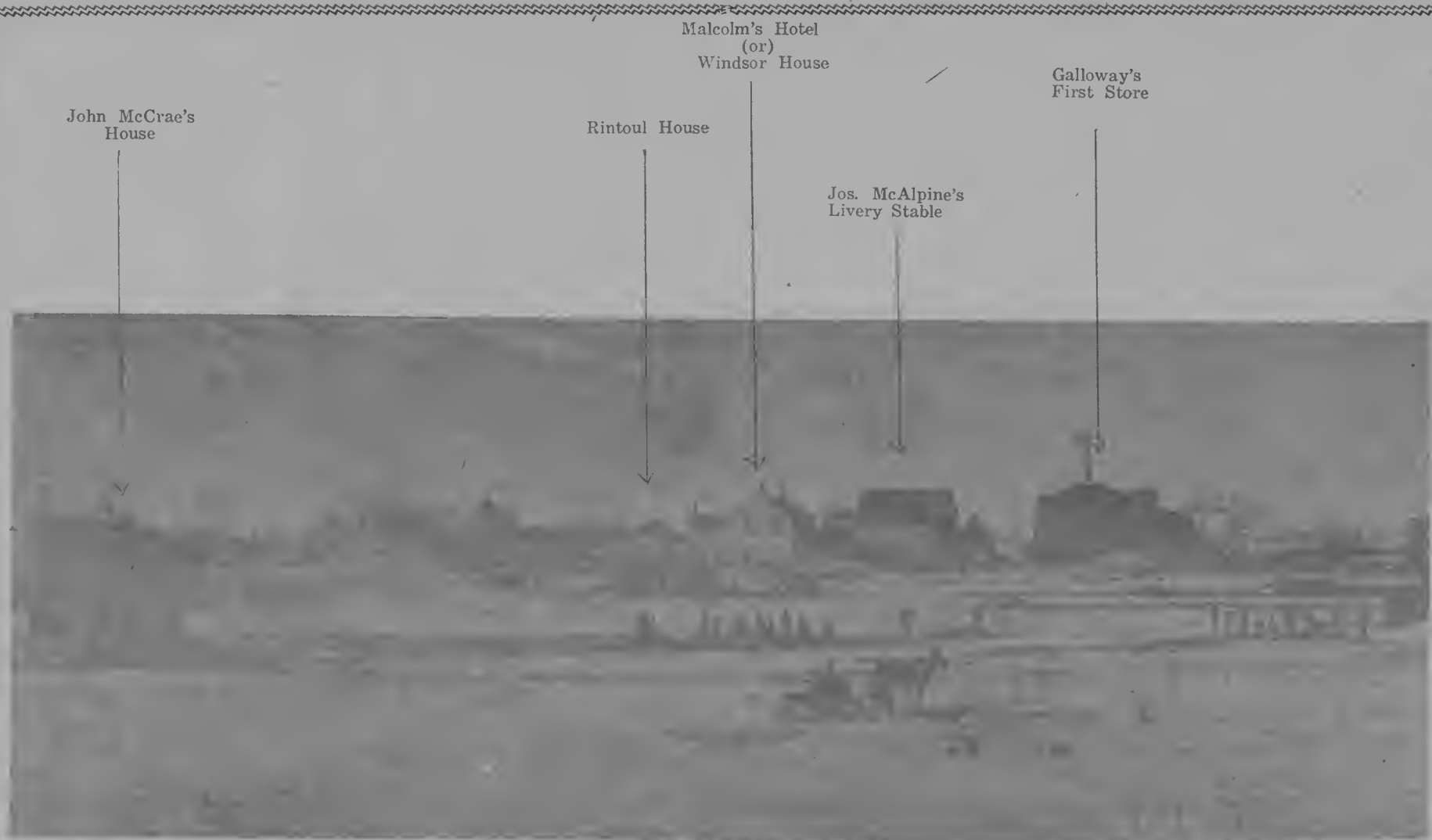
Peter Moodie, B.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

March

1884



A View of Gladstone, about 1882, from a South-Westerly Angle (West Side of Town)

This first picture chosen from the Galloway Gallery of "Golden Oldies" is not the best one of the lot, except for the use as elsewhere intimated - to provide readers with a means of forming a proper perspective of the town as it was back at the time when the Moodies started "The Age." Indeed, as a picture it is far from excellent, & as it has been "blown up" to three times normal size, it has been made even thinner. However, it will serve the purpose well enough, for in spreading the picture the various buildings will be easier to pick out, and to identify by arrow and type.

As the heading states, this page shows the west side of the town; next page will be the central part; and the third one, the east portion. There will be some over-lapping but this will help to lay out the three and assemble them into one big picture, for any readers who wish to do so.

It's too bad there weren't aeroplanes in those days. A bird's-eye view would be so much better. To make matters worse, the photographer, in an effort to include the entire town without standing back a half-mile or more, may have resorted to a wide-angle lens, and this would "flatten" the view more than ever. But history buffs will consider themselves lucky to have any bonafide "Golden Oldies" like this one, and so with a "thank you" to the photographer of that day, and to the Roper Galloways, the 2 "Dr. McDiarmids" & their wives, for their care over the years, we'll do the best we can at this late date to label what we can, using, in most part, the information that has been provided. This, too, is not always clear. (See data next page).

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((No paper in files for March 1st, 1884)).

SAT., MARCH 8th, 1884:

Married at Gladstone; on the 5th inst., by Rev. D. Stalker, Donald Ferguson, to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Duff, of McGregor Township, late of Moulin, Perthshire, Scotland.

Death: Intelligence has been received of the death at Kaiwari River, New Zealand, of Gregor McGregor, at the ripe age of 86 yrs. The deceased was an uncle of the McGregor brothers of this neighborhood, and had a long & eventful life. Leaving his native hills in 1830, Mr. McGregor proceeded to Australia where he remained for a few years. He then proceeded to the North island of New Zealand, being one of the first three settlers in the northern parts of the island. Many years of hardship and isolation was his lot, and towards the ebb-tide of his life the harassments and dangers of the Maori war encircled his family.

A meeting will be held on Tues., March 11th, to hear the report of delegates to the meeting held in Wpg., Mar. 5th, in regard to the action that the farmers' union have seen fit to take in the present crisis. We hope there will be a large attendance.

Lots of electricity between Ottawa and Winnipeg this week.

A special, with the directors of the road, went west on Thurs. on an inspection trip. They returned yesterday.

James Kerr, of Stony Creek, buried his youngest child in Palestine burying ground, last Thurs.

We congratulate one of our first pioneers in having taken unto himself a partner to share his joys and sorrows. ((Donald Ferguson, indeed, was the 'first' of the first settlers who came in 1871, if we are to believe Thos. Cory's history sketch)).

We don't need such concerts or shows as we had last Monday night. Once is too often.

Reeve Smalley will hold public meetings throughout the Mun. prior to the voting on the by-law.

A dispute in reference to cattle out on shares, between Messrs. Cartwright and Watson, was settled by arbitration at Flor-

ence yesterday week. The arbitrators were Messrs. Beck, P. St. Clair McGregor & George McCrae.

We heard from Mr. Schooley, station agent, that those wishing to sell oats can get 14c a bus. for them as the grain-buyer will get frozen wheat rates if he gets 25 cars filled before the 4th of April. Rusb 'em in, if you want to sell.

Our new grist mill, we see, has got up steam. We are led to believe that Mr. Jones and his miller are both capable men, and will be able to do good work. We suppose that the two mills will have all that they will be able to do. Keep up the steam by all means. ((This is the Brown mill at the bridge, silent for a long time)).

We are requested to say that the cause of Mr. S. T. Wilson's asking the Judge to be relieved from sitting on the jury was because of the pain he felt from being bitten by the dog he had been putting out of the court house, not, as some suppose, that he was desirous of getting off from sitting on the case of Glenn vs. McLeod, as jurymen.

The Committee of Examiners: Rev. Mr. Stalker, inspector; Rev. Mr. Allen and Mr. P. H. Moodie, visited the school on Monday & examined the pupils in various branches studied. Miss J. Dunning obtained the highest number of credit marks. The names of pupils in the advanced classes & other relative standings will be published after the next written examination which is to be held on the 1st of April.

A meeting of the Glad. School Board was held in the Age office Sat. last for the purpose of deciding on the amount to be raised for school purposes for the current year. There were present: Messrs. Dean, Alcock, Mason, Rintoul & P. Ferguson. Mr. Rintoul was called to the chair. The following was their deliverance, that \$1,100 be raised for school purposes for the year. In voting "nay" Mr. Mason gave as his reason that the \$100 of this sum to be used in patching up the present schoolhouse, he felt was money thrown away. He would rather add to it and so obtain a suitable schoolhouse. The others, while sympathizing with his views, thought that the amount of \$100 was as far as they were justified, meanwhile, in going.

COUNTY COURT

Westbourne County Court was held at Gladstone Sat., March 1st, Judge Ryan presiding when the following docket was disposed of:

D. J. McQueen vs. Michel Desmarais; Massey Manufacturing Co. vs. D. Cameron; W. S. Bailey vs. Wm. Glenn; Thos. Cory vs. John Bruce; Peter Ferguson vs. Malcolm Bruce; Paul & Fahrm vs. Malcolm Bruce; Murdock Campbell vs. H. Folkhard; Smalley & Chantler vs. H. M. Duprie; Arthur Rushton vs. Thos. Moraw; D. J. McQueen vs. J. Drosst; Edward Marston vs. J. W. Hazelton; John Foster vs. A. T. Rushton; A. W. Hazelhurst vs. A. T. Rushton; D. J. McQueen vs. W. Stinson; J. Davidson vs. A. T. Rushton; Dean & Paynter vs. W. Stinson; W. McAdam vs. W. Stinson; John McLaughlin vs. John Mooney; C. Fahrm vs. J. Smith; P. T. McDermott vs. Jos. Graham; Jas. Duncan vs. C. G. Johnston; Thos. Newman vs. Henry Downie; Smalley & Chantler vs. Thos. Richardson; R. Galloway & Bro. vs. D. Smith; Malcolm McLeod vs. Wm. Glenn; T. L. Morton vs. W. Glenn; W. Glenn vs. Malcolm McLeod; D. J. McQueen vs. Geo. Grantham; D. McCaskill vs. D. J. McQueen; Annie McQueen vs. D. McCaskill; John Hubock vs. D. McCaskill; J. L. Logie vs. W. H. Downie; W. McKelvy vs. T. Gordon; Edward Atwill vs. J. M. Jamieson. ((The above does not show the charges, nor the Judge's rulings. It appears mainly for the list of names, and also to indicate that pioneer times weren't just building-bees and brotherly love. This community was composed of Scotsmen mainly, either direct from Old Scotia or only a generation or two removed; & being brought up in all the hardships of heather & rugged hills; or the heavily timbered terrain of Ontario, they were accustomed to the necessity of fighting hard for a bare living. Their ingrained traits for frugality & fighting for their own made them excellent material for the hardships of pioneer settlements. It is easy to assume that much of the helpfulness and neighborliness evidenced in those days came about more from sheer necessity than from any super-abundance of brotherly love or a compassionate nature. Neighborliness may have been more or less a part-time pastime; making sure of their own a full-time job. "I'll dance all night to your fiddle & bow; but first pay me that money you owe," sort of thing. Most of the above were for rather insignificant amounts, or for minor differences, but the big list indicates that pioneer days here were not all sweetness and content)).

We hear nothing about the band these days. Has it blown itself off, or is it quietly prepar-

ing to give us some rare treat in the blowing line? We would all relish some of that new music that was so lately bought. We would also like to hear how much money is yet to be paid on the instruments. Do the instruments belong to the band or the Municipality? If the latter, why does not the secretary give an account of the receipts & expenses? Would it not be advisable to have a treasurer outside of the band? It would satisfy all parties much better, and prevent anyone being dissatisfied on account of not being well posted on band matters. We don't want discord; we want harmony. Let us be a band of brothers, not abandoned brothers.

TOWN COUNCIL

The council met last Wednesday night at half-past seven o'clock. Present: Mayor Claxton, Couns. Ferguson, Davidson, Logie, McKelvy & Andrews. Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

Communications: From Springfield, anent half-breed claims of entitlement to be exempt from taxation. Council thought not. — From South Dufferin Mun. re County Councils. — From Acton Burrows anent public vaccinations. — From John Herron anent balance of salary, \$63.75. — From Judicial Board asking for balance, \$161.16. — From Gladstone School Board stating that \$1,100 will be required for School purposes. — From John Chambers & D. J. McQueen anent auditors' remuneration. — From Ross anent debentures. — From Jos. Martin stating his opinion that taxes can't be collected in Sheriff's hands: re John Small estate.

A little conversation then ensued as to ways and means, after which the Clerk was instructed to notify those who had not paid their taxes, that, as money was required immediately, they would have to pay up.

The Clerk intimated that the amount of uncollected taxes was \$1800 including the Small estate.

Mr. Logie was instructed by the Council to wire the Hon. C. P. Brown to see if he could take charge of the debenture by-law and other necessary matters connected with it.

Motions: Moved by Jas. Andrews and seconded by J. L. Logie that the auditors receive \$10.00 each. Carried.

Moved by J. L. Logie and seconded by Jas. Andrews that 200 copies of the Auditor's Report be printed. Carried.

There being no other business, Council adjourned.

OUR RIGHTS

The meeting to choose a delegate to represent the farmers of Westbourne at the great farmers' convention held last Wed. at Wpg., took place on Mon. last in

Andrews Hall. On account of the shortness of notice the attendance was not so large as it otherwise would have been, but what the meeting lacked in numbers it made up in perfect unanimity of sentiment.

Ex-Mayor McGregor was called to the chair, and P. H. Moodie acted as secretary.

The chairman, in his opening remarks, demonstrated fully the reasonableness of the action that the farmers of the province are taking to protect their rights. This was a question that not only concerned their property, but their very existence, and since delegates and the Premier had been alike sent back empty-handed, this agitation was to show the Dominion govt. that we were determined to force from them what we are entitled to by constitutional means, or appeal to the Imperial authorities. The extension of our boundaries we could not do without, and if once that was granted, our excursive disabilities would from that time on be going on a gradually diminishing scale. The time has come when we should possess the right that other provinces enjoy.

P. H. Moodie congratulated the meeting on the unanimity of sentiment that pervaded it, and the force of this as a help in the direction we were going was very great. The time for speaking about grievances ought to be well nigh passed, and strong, vigorous, well concerted constitutional action in demanding our rights, should commence. It looked like not very honorable conduct in the Dominion Govt., in granting a loan of 22½ millions, and refusing to extend our boundaries so as to reach Hudson's Bay, since it was hurting no one, and would so largely help us. The key to our prosperity as a province lay in having the route by Hudson's Bay established at as early a day as possible.

Mr. Cory deprecated the idea of introducing party politics into the discussion of our rights. He thought more good would have been done by the last convention if there had been less of this. He was heart and soul with the movement that had for its object the putting of the farmers of the province on an equal footing with their eastern brethren.

Other speakers delivered themselves of similar sentiments.

P. H. Moodie was the delegate appointed, and his instructions were embodied in the following resolution, moved by T. L. Morton and seconded by James Herron, and carried unanimously:

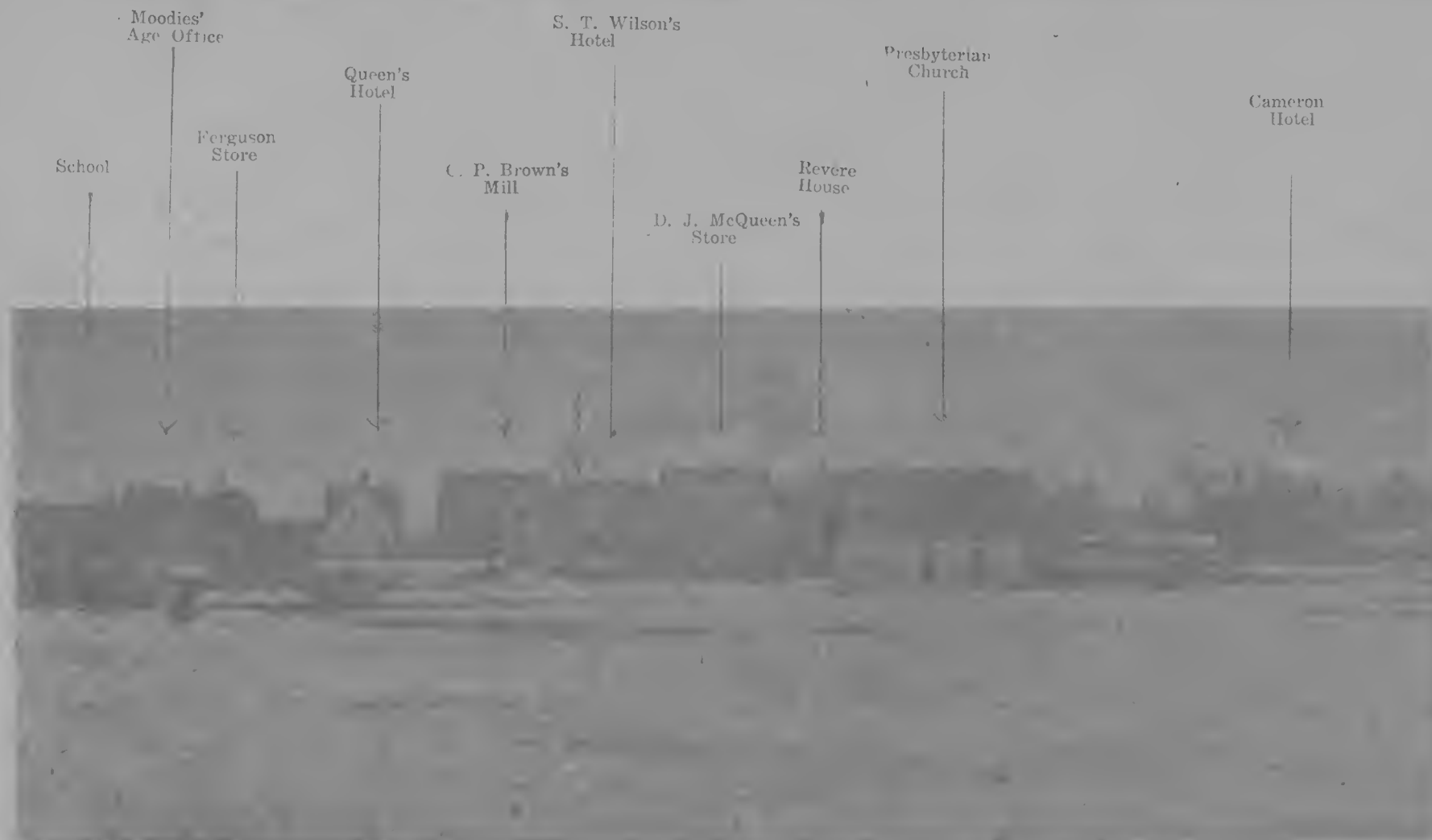
"That it is of the utmost importance to the best interests of the province that its boundaries be extended to the Hudson's Bay, and that the province should be placed on an equal footing with the other provinces; and that the local legislature of Manitoba be

petitioned to take all steps for claiming its just rights by all legitimate means, and insist on obtaining their rights and nothing less, & that the exorbitant duty on agricultural implements should be at once repealed."

Mr. McMillan held that the sines of this war ought to be provided from other funds than municipal ones, which some speakers controverted.

Messrs. McGregor & Budge moved that the expenses of the former delegate and those of the present be defrayed by the Council of Westbourne county, which was carried.

(Editorial): Mr. Watson deserves all praise for the stand he has taken in upholding our rights. "Faithful he among a faithless crew." He has shown he can take a strong position; also what very few can boast of these days, stick to it. We need such a man not only here but in the Dominion House as well. Such a one can easily stand before the coarse philippics of a Tupper. He was sent by the people of Manitoba to guard our rights and make our just demands known. If we are a province of the Dom. why are we not allowed provincial rights? What is the good of a local legislature if we are not allowed to enact laws and govern the province as we think best for the people's good? We are on the spot and accordingly are more able to know the exigencies of the country. Did the Dom. ask our sanction before thrusting upon us such a railway monopoly as the C.P.R.? Would it not have been better to have gone a little slower with the main line, and so built branch lines as a means of settling up the country first, & also as feeders to the main line, that it might pay all the quicker? What good is there in building 4 or 500 miles of a railway to run a train or two a week? Will that help to lower freight rates? We see we must, with such far-seeing policy, be made to toil to make other people rich. But we must at all hazards get to the Pacific Coast, even though we have to come now & again to the govt. to help sink the country's money in premature undertakings. Because our richer neighbor has got a piano we must have one too, just for the sake of being equal to him, not that we can use it. — No, it isn't necessary. We are all equal to him but only in appearance. This is another master stroke of our financier at Ottawa. Because our big neighbor has been able to build through-lines surely we can do so too. Because our neighbor puts on heavy duties, we will do so too. But does imitation or retaliation help us. It must not, or why are we crying against it? Would it not be better to govern us directly from Ottawa instead of indirectly; giving us the semblance of govt. without the power.



A View of Gladstone, about 1882, from a South-Westerly Angle (Central Portion).

(The following information comes from the back of the picture. It appeared in Margaret Galloway's book of childhood memories, "I Lived in Paradise.")

Picture taken from the south of street running east and west. — At left of picture is John McCrae's house. — The Rintoul house. — White house is the Windsor Hotel (Jas. McAlpine's). — Next, McAlpine's livery stable. — Galloway's first store, bought from Davidsons. — Other white building in the centre is the Queen's Hotel (McLeod's). — Grist Mill, Hotel, etc., (as appears in other picture herewith). — In the foreground, old school & the Presbyterian church.

In regard to the above, the only two that are unclear are the locations of the John McCrae & Rintoul houses. Our marking of the same is a calculated guess. In our own early years (1919) the John McCrae house was on Regent St. at the river, on the lots now occupied by the Earl Clayton house (lately Poersch). More revealing, however (and especially for dating), is the Cameron house and the John Mason house, both destroyed in that disastrous fire in June 1885. The former occupied the present post office corner, and the latter was about where the Credit Union is. The Mason dwelling (white) is only partially visible behind what appears to be (in other pictures) the Cameron log stable, roofed with straw, etc. Faintly visible a little east and north of the Mason house is another dwelling which may be that of the Hon. C. P. Brown. It was located on the Crescent on the lots now adorned by the new house of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McBride. It is unfortunate that other buildings cannot be recorded here. But the time for doing that is long since past. Perhaps Dr. Gordon Fahrni, still quite robust and enjoying the good life out in Vancouver (while closing in on the "100" mark) could help out a bit. He's an avid reader of these booklets, and everything else that smacks of the early days. — Also regrettable is that none of the old pictures show the buildings on the north side of the river, yet that early town map (see Chapter '02 of the "Glory Years") shows most of the lots on Fourth & Fifth St. pretty well taken up. Also note that the river was rather sparsely treed from the bridge west. When Rev. Cook held "church" in the open woods (1873) even the log "seats" must have been hard to find.

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SAT., MARCH 15th, 1884:

Mr. Logie, postmaster, is having a well sunk on his premises for his own use.

Miss McColl, who has been staying with Miss Stalker, received a telegram which took her away Tues. morning to Carberry.

Mr. J. J. Herron started Tues. to go as far as Moosomin. He will be absent about a fortnight attending to business.

Mr. F. K. Lockhart, who has been engaged for the last two months with Manning & Co., bankers, Wpg., intends removing his family thence Tuesday next. The young ladies will be much missed, their large musical skill having been always ungrudgingly placed at the service of any good cause.

Wasn't it a marvellous stretch of memory for one of our young townsmen to remember that urgent business called him to the far west just at the particular point of time when he could avail himself of the gracious convoy of a niece young lady for 3-fourths of the distance?

A new experiment in well-digging was tried Thurs. forenoon by Mr. G. Lowman, who is sinking a well for Mr. Herron, of the Revere House, with not very satisfactory results. To chop thro' frost being both tedious and hard work, he endeavored to vary the monotonous proceedings by drilling a hole in the centre of the space and filling it with gunpowder, which he was not careful enough to pack down tight. Taking his stand in the bottom of the hole to keep the powder from raising the whole too high, he set fire to the charge. Nothing rose save a considerable number of blisters and bruises on his face and arms, and on the faces of those who were standing about. When trying anything of a similar short-cut method of committing suicide in future, we suggest the company say their prayers first.

The staff of life in this town intends after Monday to lean only on ready cash. Every one in town who needs its support be sure and be ready with the proper prop.

There was a very enjoyable dancing party given by one of our promising young bachelors in town on Wed. evening when all

went merry as a marriage bell, from all accounts.

Wanted to know: why our new grist mill is said to toll every fourth basket of grist, instead of every sixth, as the law enjoins?

Mercantile benedicks must be at a premium in this town, when one of the number has to travel so far in the direction of the setting sun to become one.

Mrs. Chambers has been very poorly for a week or two back. The first breath of spring is badly needed to charm away all ailments.

The Quadrille Assembly intends giving a grand ball on Friday, 28th, as the wind-up of the season.

Miss McGinnis proceeded to Wpg., by Thursday's train.

The public should bear in mind that the town Clerk's office is only open on Wednesday & Saturdays.

Reeve Smalley will hold a series of meetings in the interests of the by-law at present before the people, as follows: In Blake schoolhouse, Mon. evening, 24th inst., at 7 o'clock; In Jordan schoolhouse, Tues., 25th, at 1:00 p.m.; In Andrews' Hall, Gladstone, Tues., 25th, at 8 o'clock; In Golden Stream schoolhouse Wed. evening, 26th, at 7 o'clock. And he will most probably proceed to Lakeside next week on the same business.

The team from the Portage Literary Society that met with such a very slight obscuration in last Friday's contest, won golden opinions from all who came in contact with them. They were universally voted a set of agreeably clever fellows, and what hurts a little, all our young ladies were prepared to add 'amen' to that consensaneous verdict, even if they were not prepared to go further.

A course of special sermons will be preached in Andrews' Hall every Sun. evening during Lent by the Rev. Francis Jephcott, incumbent. Friends are earnestly invited.

Mr. J. A. Best wants one CARLOAD of BARLEY, for which he is prepared to pay the highest price - 23c. He requests those who have wheat to sell to bring it in at the earliest date, as he will cease buying soon. Highest prices paid for good oats. All grain must be delivered within three weeks.

Mr. G. Lowman, we are sorry to learn, is hurt worse than was supposed by the gunpowder explosion the other day. His face is very severely swollen, and one of his eyes is closed altogether. It is to be hoped that sight is not impaired. Enough of experimenting for a time.

One of Fortune's favorites was feted this week, the occasion being the return of her birthday, to which all the delicacies of the season ministered, followed by a full measure of the feast of the season, and the flow of soul, particularly of one reciprocal soul.

A Leap Year social will be given by the residents of Blake in Mr. John Dickie's house, Wed., 19th inst., at 7 o'clock. Proceeds to be devoted to church purposes. A hearty welcome is extended to all, and a very good time is promised.

The following were appointed a Committee to take any action that might be necessary in arranging for the formation of a branch of the farmers' union in this county; viz., Messrs. McKelvy, Madill and Moodie.

A regular stream of commercial men visiting town this week.

Rev. Mr. Stalker & Mr. McCrae got back last night from Presbyterian duties.

Mr. Lumbers, from Toronto, reached Gladstone yesterday on a prospecting tour.

Card of Thanks: Mr. Jas. Andrews, in thanking his many customers for their patronage in the past, desires to inform all, that on and after Mon., 17th inst., he is compelled to adopt a strictly Cash System in the conduct of his business; 13 loaves for \$1.00. Tickets given to those who do not take the whole lot at one time.

To Sell or Rent: That finely situated farm in Gladstone, hitherto in occupancy of Mr. John Small. Nearly 200 acres in good state of cultivation. Two grist mills, railway station & other conveniences in the immediate neighborhood. For terms, apply to C. P. Brown, Wpg.

THE FARMERS' UNION

Those who have followed this movement from its initiation last December until the present time, and who saw the largely increased forces with which it met in convention last week to discuss the situation, cannot but feel that it bound to exercise no small influence on the destinies of the Northwest, if only kept properly directed. Every lover of his adopted country should wish it Godspeed in its endeavor, as opportunity offers, to keep it going in the right direction.

It came out of the pretty severe ordeal last week comparatively unscathed, though sadly ham-

pered on the one hand by Grit proclivities, and pursued on the other by Tory malevolence. It is a truism to say that the only safety for the success of this movement is rigidly to exclude the introduction of party politics and an over-powering majority of the delegates at the convention, recognizing this indispensable condition, frowned resolutely down any attempts to contract the base on which it rests as a purely provincial movement, representative of no political creed or party, to compass the common good of all.

The constitutional means through which the convention sought almost unanimously to gain its ends, viz., through our own executive and legislature, is a sufficient answer to those who hold that the movement is a seditious one. The convention understood well enough that the ends sought can only be allowed by the province proceeding as a unit in the course the union has chalked out for itself, and at whatever cost of labor the legislature must be carried along with the movement as its mouthpiece and head, and if the present legislature turns a deaf ear to the solicitation to champion the cause of the rights of the province, the labor must be undergone of endeavouring to have one returned that will be in perfect accord with the demands formulated by the bill of rights. This is the first work that the union must accomplish before we can have any hope of coercing or cajoling the Dominion authorities to right our wrongs, and this must be the united front we present, if unfortunately it becomes necessary to appeal to the Imperial authorities before we can have the least hope of having our grievances listened to & redressed by them.

MUNICIPAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Council was held in Andrews' Hall on Wed. evening for the purpose of making necessary alterations in the by-law for raising \$10,000. There were present Reeve Smalley and Councillors West, Morrison, Ferguson and Poole.

Couns. Morrison & Poole moved that the by-law at present before the people be withdrawn. Carried.

The by-law in its amended shape was then read a first time & referred to the Committee of the Whole. Being returned without further amendments, it was read a second time; the third reading was appointed for Fri., 18th April, same place at four o'clock.

A by-law was next introduced appointing Tues., 15th April as the day on which a poll was to be taken to debenture by-law, at the six usual polling places in the county, viz., Ward 1, Westbourne schoolhouse, John Puigh returning officer; Wd. 2, Wood-

side schoolhouse, D. McRae, ret. off.; Ward 3, Jordan schoolhouse J. W. Lindsay, ret. off.; Ward 4, Blake schoolhouse, R. McMillan Ret. Off.; Ward 5, Donald McLean's house in Livingstone, C. P. Bennett, Ret. Off.; Ward 6, Golden Stream schoolhouse, David McConnell, Ret. Off.

No other business being before the Council they adjourned to meet April 18th in same place at 4 o'clock.

LITERARY SOC.

The Literary Society held its usual meeting Tues. night. As the month was up a new set of officers was first elected; P. H. Moodie being elected president; W. S. Bailey, vice-pres.; and J. W. Buchanan, Sec.

As the evening was a Temperance one and quite a few of the performers unavoidably absent, that feature did not get the prominence it was entitled to.

There was one temperance address, however, by W. S. Bailey, which deserves special mention for its wise suggestions.

The evening was mostly taken up with readings and instrumental music which were well rendered and very fully appreciated by the audience.

FARMERS UNION MEETING

The adjourned meeting of those in sympathy with the farmers' union took place in Andrews Hall on Tues. at 3 o'clock, to hear the report of the delegate to the convention in Wpg. last week. On account of the stormy day the attendance was not very large, no farmers getting in from the country.

Mayor Claxton occupied the chair.

The delegate, P. H. Moodie, then proceeded with his account of the convention.

((Note: See report above)).

COMMUNICATION

"Ignorance is bliss; 'tis folly to be wise."

To The Editor:

I purpose to reply but briefly to your Richmond correspondents last letter, as I do not feel it incumbent on me to become instructor to all who apply thro' your columns for enlightenment.

The Auditor's Report is not a report of the treasurer. It is notwithstanding correct in abstract, but to be intelligible to every one of the ratepayers, would no doubt have to be made much fuller in detail.

The first thing that troubles your correspondent is the word 'balance' at commencement of the report. He does not understand an account beginning with balance; neither do I. The account

commenced in 1878, & each auditor's report is to all intents and purposes a balance sheet for the current year. Your correspondent would find that the balance in hand at the end of the auditor's report 1882 is the same as that which commences the report of 1883.

The same answer will apply to the loan of \$5,500 - the amount borrowed by Council in 1882, and marked in the auditor's report of that year as a liability, & was repaid in March and June, 1883; and consequently appears in the auditor's report as a payment.

The amount of \$100 to Warden and Treasurer, expenses to Wpg. was for two trips of Warden to Wpg. on matters relating to business of the Council, & the same by the Treasurer. The minutes of the council as published in the Age would show when these trips were authorized.

The item "railway debenture coupons due," \$8,114 is not for 1883, but for 1881-2. Your correspondent would find an asset of \$5,000 railway note against a portion of these, an asset of uncollected taxes against the balance.

So far as regards statute labor commutation money, I quite agree with your correspondent that it is a farce, nevertheless it is a law of the land.

As to the note due to Mr. Arthur, Boyle & Campbell, \$6000 marked as a liability; and also in assets, balance, stated to be in their hands, I may say that anyone professing a knowledge of bookkeeping, however small, would not fail to comprehend this. I may, however, with your permission, explain. A note for \$6,000 was discounted on 18th of Dec. last, the amount, less discount, carried to the credit of the Municipality in the books of the bank, and on 31st Dec. a balance remained in the bank amounting to \$1,332.73, as shown in the report. The note was certainly a liability, due 21st Mar., the balance on the bank books was as certainly an asset.

In conclusion I may say that I shall not again undertake to inflict on your readers any more explanations of auditors' reports, but shall be happy to do so either privately or at any of the public meetings about to be held in the Municipality.

I leave it to you, Mr. Editor, to explain the meaning of the word "balance" that troubles Mr. A.B.C. so much. Webster and Walker cannot do it. Old Samuel Johnson says a balance is the difference between any two items in an account, or between the totals.

T. L. MORTON, Treas.

((Note: A. A. Bettie was the signature to 2 long letters from Richmond, recently published)).



A View of Gladstone, about 1882, from a South-Westerly Angle (East Side of Town).

This picture, and some four or five others, seemingly were taken that same Spring day, back in '81 or '82 (or was it '83?). Our "guess" is '82. What's yours? But who can say for certainty? The railway appears to be the key, but as it apparently had not yet arrived the dating would have to be '81 or '82. The word "apparently" is somewhat significant; the railway was first laid out to cross the river east of town, and seemingly went as far as Morris Ave. before the town fathers decided they wanted it moved into the village. So the picture COULD have been taken in 1883 AFTER the railway had arrived but BEFORE it was moved into town. So the year of its arrival here is in some dispute. No less an authority than Dr. W. L. Morton, in his, "Manitoba, a history," gives it as the fall of 1881, the popular date all down the years. However, there is a book, recently published re the Railways of the West, which seemingly is based on official railway records, and it states that nothing was done on the Portage & Westbourne railway until the Spring of 1882. Here is the quote: "THE YEAR OF 1882: Little was being done on the new railway except for some work re the junction with the C.P.R. at Portage. Nevertheless, the big day finally arrived - May 5th - and workmen began laying track from Portage la Prairie. With credible speed the line was laid to Westbourne by July 10th, and to Woodside by Aug. 8th. On August 21st the first construction train eased into Gladstone." — If this statement is correct it would give some credence to dating the picture 1882. But who can say? The "Letter to the Editor" in this issue by T. L. Morton would indicate that the railway was longer in getting here than expected, for taxes were collected against it in 1881 & 1882, but evidently "held back" awaiting the completion of the line. This is almost certain proof that the railway did not arrive here until the fall of 1882. Also, as a bit of a "clinch," if the Town Council authorized its removal into the town, the date for such a debatable issue would have to follow incorporation - in July '82. — And from the report above, the rails were laid another 15 miles west that year. The search for the facts goes on! Hopefully, as later "Ages" are scanned these will be revealed, and corrections made. If so, future historians will have it easier.

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SAT., MARCH 22nd, 1884:

Mr. Arnold Williams came back Mon. from Winnipeg College, where he has been studying for the past three months.

Mrs. Jane Hyndman, mother of four of our earliest Isly pioneer settlers, to wit, Mrs. McCrae, Hyndman, Kerr and Glen, departed this life peacefully Monday evening last, & her remains were followed to their last resting place in the cemetery Wed. forenoon by a large party of mourners. She had reached the ripe age of 95 years. Her birthplace was in Ireland, where she emigrated from to Canada, and about eleven years ago accompanied her children to Palestine. She had been confined to her bed for the last two years, but was in her usual state of health up to Sun. when the general break-up commenced and was consummated in less than 24 hours. Few were privileged to see her patriarchal age.

Mr. Andrew Paul arrived Tues. morning from his Lake Dauphin trip. When they got to Smith's Mill they had to toboggan the rest of the road, a distance of 50 miles, as the snow was about 3 feet deep. The snowshoers went first to make a track for the horses. It took them 7 days from Smith's Mill to reach the west side of the lake, where the surveyors started subdividing. To show how hard a trip it was, Messrs. McPhillips and Paul started out to find the two settlers who were located there, a distance from camp of 3½ miles, whom they found after a tramp of 5 hrs., being completely used up, their snowshoes sinking a foot almost every step. The horses were without hay seven days, and both hay & oats four days. It was a rough trip on both man and beast.

Birth: At Pine Creek, March 5th, the wife of Malcolm McLeod, jr., of a son.

Death: At Pine Creek, March 15th, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ross, aged 6 weeks.

Those of our subscribers who want to catch up in their subscriptions before the year is out, had better hurry up, as they have only 5 weeks in which to do it.

Wonder when the reply from Attor-General Miller anent the school question that was mailed to him long ago, is coming along?

One good stimulus to grain-growing is provided by our Agricultural Show directors this season, in two prizes, that they are giving, \$15 & \$10 respectively for the best two bushels of wheat, oats and barley grown in the county, at our annual Fall Fair.

A select committee of the local House, consisting of 9 members, was appointed Wed. to enquire into the operation of the tariff on agricultural implements, lumber and canned goods, with power to send for persons and papers; and to report to the House any information they may obtain on the subject.

The rapid disappearance of the snow, and the genial weather that prevails, are prompting a few farmers in the north to commence seeding operations at once.

Premier Norquay moved two series of resolutions Wed. evening, covering the ground of our province's disabilities and calling for redress of the same.

The Hon. C. P. Brown asked for the appointment of a select committee to procure, and, if necessary, to publish evidence as to the practicableness of a system of communication to Hudson's Bay.

It is quite a hardship to settlers to have to go as far as Minnedosa to make affidavit to secure the patents for their homesteads; and it is more of a hardship when they have to take each two witnesses along with them to certify to the truth of their assertions. Three of our settlers tried to make arrangements with Mr. Fisher, who was on his way up to Minnedosa by last Wednesday's train, but he would not consent to do any business with them after hours: so, rather than wait over in Minnedosa, times being too dull, they had to drive all that night to have their business done the following day, turn around and come home.

Messrs. G. McCrae, F. Blackmore and Hugh McKinnon start Monday for Lake Dauphin country.

The 17th of Auld Ireland was celebrated in all the cities last Monday with all the honors.

Mr. Herron, of the Revere House, was up at Smith's Mill this week and found the roads were very bad. He had to travel thro' the night.

Messrs. H. Poole, Duncan Rob-

ertson and G. Bruce started on Wed. for Minnedosa to claim the patents for their homesteads.

We saw at Mr. Jas. Lloyd's, Pine Creek, a fine big bull calf, only 10 mos. old, pretty well bred. It has the makings of a fine beast.

A large party gathered at the station Tues. morning to see the Misses Lockhart off to Winnipeg. Miss Belch, of Wpg., who has been their guest for the last week, accompanied them.

Mr. Small started by Tuesday's train for Brandon to assist in starting the new oatmeal mill which has been erected by the Brandon Milling Co. He will be absent about 10 days.

The boys around town are going to have a meeting on Wed. night at the Queen's Hotel at 8 p.m. to have a talk over starting a lacrosse club this season. All anyways interested are particularly requested to be present.

The party given in honor of the departure to Wpg. of the Misses Lockhart, at Mr. Cory's residence on Mon. night last, was a great affair. Upwards of 20 couples attended & dancing was kept up till far into the morning.

Mr. Peter Ferguson, one of the grand jurors summoned to attend the assizes, held at Portage Tues., drove down in company with Messrs. Neville and Cope, Monday. An hour's earlier start of the train would have saved them a day at home.

Quite a number of immigrants, we are informed, went west on Monday's train.

Lots of strangers in town this week. Business property brightening - frozen energies are beginning to thaw out.

Mrs. Wilson, of the Wilson House, has been suffering severely from neuralgia, but is some better.

Our very energetic townsman, S. T. Wilson, intends going very extensively into poultry this yr. He is having a large henery erected on his Palestine farm, which he intends to stock with all kinds of fowl. He has quite a number of turkeys and geese at present and soon he expects to have ducks and common fowl by the score. He is likewise going into the rearing of fancy fowl, having paid recently \$8 for a pair of fan-tailed pigeons. Any person having anything in that line to dispose of cannot do better than give him a call.

The Misses Lockhart received on Sunday evening a very pleasant surprise. After the regular choir practice was over Mr. Bruce, in a few neat remarks, regretting the departure of the young ladies, and the loss which the choir would sustain thereby,

presented them, on behalf of the choir and other members of the church, with a purse containing \$20 as a slight token of esteem and gratitude for services in behalf of the choir and church. The ladies, although taken by surprise, replied briefly, thanking all for their kindness, and regretting their departure from so many kind friends.

Messrs. Kennedy, agent for the McLeary Manufacturing Co., and May, general agent for the Massy Manufacturing Co., have been establishing local agencies here this week for this season's machinery business.

The M. & N. W. rly. has shut down on buying any more wood this season. Mr. McMahon is doing this week all the measuring they intend to do. Those who wish to haul more can do so by piling it outside of the track, but they won't be advanced any more money for it till next winter.

Mrs. Wilson, of Almonte, Ont., mother of S. T. Wilson of the Wilson House, spent a few days in Gladstone last week. She left for Wpg. on Sat. last to visit a daughter, and then proceeded to Minneapolis to her son John, who along with his family accompanies her back to the old homestead which he is going to work.

We were taken to task by Mr. Jones last Sat. for inserting, on what we deem most reliable authority, a query as to why he is taking every fourth bushel instead of every sixth, as the law allows. Mr. A. Bruce, of Palestine, weighed his flour in our presence and others, last Mon., and only got 280 lbs. out of a 12 bushel grist. Mr. C. P. Bennett, of Livingstone, took a grist of 1289 lbs. of wheat from which he only received 910 lbs. of a yield, 350 lbs. of it only being flour.

An interesting social was held in McGregor twp. Thursday evening, 20th inst., for the purpose of affording an evening of social enjoyment and aiding the Sabbath school by securing funds for the procuring of a library, and arousing more enthusiasm in the work. Mr. Gregor McGregor occupied the chair. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Chandler. Miss Sebastian presided at the organ. All present seemed to enjoy themselves as was evidenced from the beaming countenances. The people of McGregor are to be congratulated on the success which has attended this, their first social; and, from the talent displayed, no doubt, a very bright future is in store for McGregor.

We had the pleasure and the profit this week of a leisurely survey of the interesting collection of rarities shown by Rev. F. Jephcott at the late exhibition of the Historical Society at Wpg. The anatomical studies form a very high class, and, if only published in book form, would be no

small help to determinate a better and much-needed knowledge among the people of medical lore. The collection of old coins was most interesting. We handled above 60 old Roman ones which numismatists would no doubt set great store by. The value of the precious stones in the Lord Mayor's chain must be very considerable. We must not omit the artistic excellence of the micrawool lace, the work of Miss Livezey's(?) deft fingers. There could not be possibly a much finer specimen of patient & skilled handiwork.

Rev. F. Jephcott went east by Tuesday's train; likewise Dr. Keele.

Mr. Malcolm McLean started for Wpg. Business College on Tuesday.

Assessor McGregor was away in the Lakeside district this wk. pursuing his labors.

A resident of Pine Creek made a good miss the other day. In chopping, his axe glanced, coming right down on his boot which it cut, also two pair of socks, but fortunately, on account of its being a new one and not yet ground, it just reddened the skin. If he had been like one of them web-footed animals it would have gone in 3 inches at any rate.

The Neepawa by-law to raise \$16,000 for railway and other purposes, passed with only two discontents.

We publish in another column a paragraph reflecting a little on the management of our recently set-a-going grist mill. Of course the mill has just been started after a long standstill, & things may not be running yet as the lessee would like. But it is his duty, and to his interest to have them go right as far as possible from the beginning to save any grumbling from his customers, and to benefit himself. The farmers can't afford to have anything go wrong with their grists, and the lessee will find out that our crowd are not very hard to please, if only he gives them a show. Opposition is the life of trade, and what we have said has been simply for the sake of those who are equally our customers as they have been trying to be his.

(Note: This mill, just reopened after being idle for a long spell, is the one located here in 1876 by the Hon. C. P. Brown. This information comes from a flash-back in the Free Press that mentions it being a bit unique as it was both a grist and a lumber mill. The building (at the bridge) shows up in the 1883 picture recently printed of Morris Ave. The machinery of this mill was moved to Westbourne in October, 1886. The other early mill, usually referred to as the Broad-

foot grist mill, was built by the Hatch Bros. in 1879, two blocks north of the bridge; and again C. P. Brown is involved, legally anyway. It, too, had many problems and a number of different lessees who took their turns at trying to make it work. Finally, in Jan. 1890, it was destroyed by fire. All that is left in Gladstone now of the first two mills is a flower-bed made from one set of the grinding stones from the Hatch Bros. mill. It is located on Ye Olde Editor's property, still in the flower business, one way or another, one could say. — To follow the history of the Brown mill through to the ironic state whereby Editor Moodie fears it yet will be the supplier of flour for Gladstone, we give two paragraphs from his writings. The first from the October 1st issue, 1886: "Mr. Brown's mill is being taken down, preparatory to being hauled to Westbourne where it is to be set up. As it has been so long with us we shall miss it, even though it was only a stop-gap. We wish its new proprietor, Mr. Bourne, success and profit in running it. Mr. Hatch, from the Portage, is engineering the mill and all its belongings, down to its new location." — And then, two and half years later (April 12, '89): "We notice that Messrs. Ritchie and Newcombe, lately residents here, are trying to interest the residents and owners of Westbourne property, to turn the little mill, which went from here, into a roller one with a capacity of 50 barrels. They have secured a number of handsome subscriptions already. It is going to be a fact that we will have to go to Westbourne to get our gristing done." — Gladstone and her mills! She certainly had her problems with them! And of the five that served on the local scene, the first and probably the least significant of them all — the Brown Mill — alone escaped the fire demon, and went on to a more noble end — although history apparently does not record what fire took the Hatch mill in Jan. 1890; the Muir Mill in Feb. 1903; the first Echo Mill in 1917(?); and the second late in November 1919!)

((It would appear that Hon. C. P. Brown acted very nobly in all the mill transactions. The young surveyor was only here a year when he was elected to the govt. in 1874. He had built a store, and in 1876 realizing the desperate plight of the farmers, having to go as far as Silver Heights (Wpg.) for flour, moved in a mill that he figured would serve the community in this capacity; and also for lumber. When it proved inadequate he contacted capable millers and backed their notes on a new mill, closing down his own to give them full opportunity; and did not allow it to re-open for some four yrs., after the second failed almost as disastrously as the first . . . or so it would seem . . . 100 yrs. later!)).



The Main Business Section of the Town, 1882(?), from Sask Ave. North to the Bridge (west side).

MORRIS AVENUE: TEAMS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER.

(Information for this side of the picture is given as: The Queen's Hotel; Peter Ferguson's store; The Age Office; & across the river, Malcolm's Cheese Factory).

A wonderfully clear picture that has been enlarged to double size, covering two pages in this issue. This "old" Queen's Hotel (a "new" one with the same name, appears in the Ages of 1884. It was located north of the bridge) stands out large and clear; and evidently from the open window and general appearance it was still in use, even if not as an hotel. However, Editor Moodie, a temperance man, dealt rather harshly with it some 5 years later. In the Friday issue of Nov. 12, 1886, he states: "The old Queen's Hotel, which has been an eye-sore so long, on account of its forlorn and dilapidated appearance, was sold this week for \$15 to Mr. George McCrae, of Palestine. He is taking it down to his farm to help fix up buildings there." — And again on March 4, 1887: "The old Queen's Hotel was brought down with a crash last Monday. The amount of nails in the building was a caution. It has had a chequered history. Years be-

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SAT., MARCH 29th, 1884:

To break up the blockade in school matters the superintendent wrote Mr. Best yesterday as follows: That all now claiming to be trustees place their written resignations in the hands of the Sec.-Treas. before next Monday evening, when a meeting will be held the same night, 31st inst., in the Age office, at 7:30 o'clock to formally accept them. The superintendent will then issue notices calling a meeting of the ratepayers to elect trustees in their stead.

The Town Clerk went to Neepawa by Wednesday's train: got back Thursday.

A great many fields in Richmond are ready for the seed. Mr. T. Dunning commenced on Wednesday.

McDougall was away to the Portage on Thursday.

We heard thro' the Rev. Mr. Jephcott that Mr. Beeton, who cut his foot badly a while ago, is likely to get better with very careful attention.

Church of England services tomorrow as usual. The following is the subject of the evening service: The three sister Graces - Faith, Hope and Charity.

Thursday brought a change in the programme of the weather: some more of the beautiful: "Loath to part, though brief it be." A continuance of the weather of the fore part of the week, would have made sowing in these parts pretty near a universal joy, Monday.

A drive thro' Richmond this week fully bore out the opinion of the excellence of the twp. as a farming district. The soil is generous, but not a bit more so than the settlers.

Mr. J. D. Merton, purchasing agent for the M. & N. W. railway arrived from Ontario Thursday.

Sir John A. Macdonald is confined to his house thro' indisposition.

Premier Mowrt leaves for England soon on the boundary question.

The floods are still raging in the U.S. New England is suffering heavily.

Births: At Gladstone: On the 21st inst., the wife of Dr. Ferr-

ier, of a daughter: On the 25th inst., the wife of Henry Pritchett of a son.

We published last week an account of two grists which did not exhibit the work of the new mill in the most favorable light. The lessee does not hold himself responsible for the mistake in one, and the other has been rectified, but not in time to have our paragraph altered. The two following grists show pretty successfully the bright side of the picture. Out of a 10-bushel grist Mr. J. H. Pool received 325 lbs. flour, 110 lbs. shorts, and 100 lbs. bran. Out of 8½-bushels wheat Mr. D. Paul received 98 lbs. of flour, 75 of shorts & 275 of bran - yields, if they have any fault err on the side of the farmer.

The trip of the Reeve & party thro' the county in the interests of the by-law has been the means of placing the financial position



CAME IN 1877

John D. McLaren, who went to join so many of his pioneer friends on January 3rd, 1841, also helped edit a newspaper in Gladstone. The sheet, called "The Bug" ran in opposition to the youthful "Age" in 1884, etc. Mr. McLaren, a Civil Engineer, came west to Gladstone in June 1877.

in clearer light before the eyes of the ratepayers. The \$10,000 are secured by back taxes, interest accruing from which is greater than what will be paid on the debentures. The act of our legislators, in staying off collection of the taxes for 3 years, being what has rendered necessary the passing of the by-law. The credit of the County must be saved, and every ratepayer should show by his vote that he is alive to the fact.

A report of the Dept. of Agriculture for the Dominion gives nearly 134,000 as added to Canada's population this year, an increase of 21,000 over last year. Of this number Manitoba received 50,000. The per capita cost brought to the Dominion was \$3.13.

We are sorry to record the death of another daughter of David Kerr, esq., of Palestine; of consumption, after a lingering illness of 18 mos. We are sure that the parents have the sympathy of the community at large.

Mrs. Hyndman, whose decease we chronicled last week at the ripe age of 95, left the following descendants, a record we should suppose unequaled in the province: 10 children; 89 grandchildren; 143 great grandchildren; & one great, great grandchild - or 243 in all.

Grand finale night at the Literary Society Tuesday next when the following excellent program will be given: Violin solo, R. Broadfoot; Song, Mrs. Galloway; Organ Recital, Mrs. Poole; Rev. J. E. Allen's lecture on "Oddfellows"; Song, with guitar accompaniment, G. Alcock; Song, Mrs. L. Dunning; Organ Recital, Mrs. Allen; "God Save the Queen". Adm., 15c, double ticket, 25c. In addition to the crowd-drawing power of the above, all sympathizers in the aims of the Literary Society should endeavour to be present as the Committee is anxious that the proceeds of this entertainment should be sufficient to wipe off the remaining indebtedness of the Society.

A meeting was held in the Queen's Hotel Wed. evening last for the purpose of organizing a lacrosse club for the current yr., when the following business was done: Mr. T. Paynter was unanimously elected chairman; Mr. Fred Montrose was elected Sec. of the club; and Mr. Jas. Pirie, Treas. It was moved, seconded & agreed to: (1) that the entrance fee be \$1.00; (2) that the name of the Club be the Maple Leafs; (3) and that the Sec. & Treas. institute a thorough canvass of the young men of the town to obtain a large number of members. Further business was left off until next meeting to be held in the same place next Wed. evening. We need only add that we trust every young man around town will not only become a member, but an active one.

WOODSIDE

The weather is all we could wish for now; the snow rapidly disappearing.

The Messrs. Morrison have finished their railway contract with the M. & N. W. Rly. Co., having delivered 800 cords of wood. They have now a large gang of men getting out ties.

Mr. MacDonald's cow endeavored to stop the train last Friday; the result was "beef".

One of our young teamsters fell off his load of cordwood last wk. Report said that he had hurt himself internally, but when he visited at Bachelors' Hall we found it could not have been his stomach from the amount of pie he consumed. — Bachelor.

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir:

I notice in your last issue a paragraph stating that you were brought to task by me for inserting a query concerning the a-



A. G. WILLIAMS

Arnold, the eldest of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Silms Williams, arrived with them here in 1878 when "A.G." was yet in his teens. But he had already been in "business" for himself down east so he soon stepped out for himself here too. So much so that he had built one store & at least three houses before taking a few months off in "1884" to attend college (which see). Contractor, grain-buyer, bridge-builder, hardware man, etc., etc., his name is prominent in all phases of the town's church, social and sports whirl all down the years right up to his "90th" observed in 1950. Such a man was a fountain of "facts," and in the early 1940s this writer hied to his house on Broadfoot St. many, many times for historical information that could have been obtained nowhere else.

mount of toll taken in our mill. I may be permitted to state that as a matter of fair play you might have made public my statement to you about the matter, as well as the information you received from what you deem such reliable sources, but which was not so reliable after all as you would have people believe. As to Mr. Bruce, of Palestine, only receiving 260 lbs. of flour from a 12-bus. grist, I beg to state that I was not aware that Mr. Bruce had a grist at the mill until I saw your paper. If he had any complaint to make I think he might, in justice to me, at least have acquainted me with the fact, and if I refused to correct any error in his return, it would then be time to publish his wrongs. As to Mr. C. P. Bennett, your version of the transaction is entirely incorrect. When Mr. Bennett brought his grist to the mill, my miller says he understood the grist was to be ground for cash. But when Mr. Bennett came for his grist he wanted it tolled. As the grist was all ground then, I told Mr. Bennett we would take flour for the account out of the grist, which accounts for the small return of flour in his case.

Now, as to the toll question, I do not, as you state, take every fourth bushel in toll where the wheat is a good first class article, but I do make a difference between wheat worth the highest price and the miserable trash that is often brought to the mill. It costs as much or more to grind wheat worth 40c per bus. as it does to grind wheat worth 80c.

Now, it is neither fair to the miller, nor yet to the farmer, to take the same toll from good wheat as from bad. This has been an exceptional year, and those engaged in handling or grinding grain find it almost impossible to give satisfaction in every case owing to the difference in the quality of the wheat. Hence, I consider it very unfair to single out one or two cases where complaint is made and publish them to the damage of one who is just starting a mill which has been idle and out of repair for some time, without at the same time mentioning the many cases where entire satisfaction has been given. It is poor encouragement to anyone to embark in business in Gladstone, to find the local paper publishing hostile reports on his business before he has been in operation five days.

For the benefit of farmers I will give the figures at which merchant mills, possessing the latest and most improved machinery, exchange flour, shorts & bran for wheat. For 60 lbs. of No. 1 wheat they give in Wpg., 30 lbs. flour, 4 lbs. shorts and 12 lbs. bran - total 46 lbs. That's 46 lbs. out of the 60, or within 1-lb. of 1 bushel in 4. These figures are sometimes altered a little in some mills, but the total is always about the same. For instance, in some cases 33 lbs. flour

3 lbs. shorts and 10 lbs. bran are given; but, as you see, the farmer only gets 46 lbs. out of 60. Yet if the miller takes more than one bushel in six for No. 3 or No. 4, he is run down as a thief.

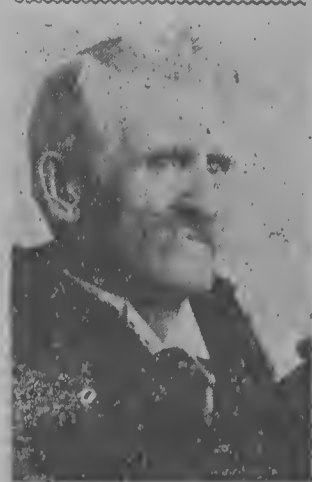
Yours, etc.,
W. J. JONES.

Mr. Harry McGill, of Florence was sowing last Tuesday.

Miss Pirie, who has been seriously ill since she left Gladstone, so much so that her life was despaired of, is now, we are glad to hear, fairly on the way to sure recovery.

Little Jennie McAlpine had a very narrow escape this week from croup. Rev. Mr. Jephcott's medical skill was the means of saving the child's life.

The trade between Messrs. D. McCaskill and John McLean that was commenced last week, was consummated this; Mr. McLean relinquishing his town property to Mr. D. McCaskill & paying him \$1,600 to boot for the SE¼ 23-14-11, and he has a farm or two to dispose of yet, and keep one for himself.



Peter St. Clair McGregor Settled at "McGregor," now Mekinaw with his brothers in the early 1870's; and for most of the next 50 years was prominent in town and municipal affairs. He served for a short time as editor of the town's first paper. In 1882, after the town was incorporated he was elected its first mayor. Later, in the middle '90s, he became Sec.-Treas. for the Municipality, a position he held until his death in late 1920. He was followed in these duties by dau. Margaret until her marriage to Mr. Wakefield in 1923, when his son Wilfred served for some 10 years, bowing out in the middle '30s due to continuing ill-health. Wilf is still very much a part of the local scene, and very healthy too, though he's now reached the mark of four score (and more).



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MORRIS AVENUE: TEAMS STANDING IN FRONT OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER.

(Information for this side of the picture is given as: McQueen's Store; Jim Doherty's Tin Shop; the S. T. Wilson Hotel; and C. P. Brown's Grist Mill.

fore incorporation it was the den of the "printer's devil," who, from its recesses mixed brains and ink together so as to mould public opinion. Afterwards it was turned into a tavern, from which a real, live, unfortunate "devil" often reeled. We suppose the money wasted within its walls in drink alone would have papered it from top to bottom with \$5 bills. But it has seen its day, and now descends still further as a shelter for cattle for a few years before being finally burnt up. How many remorseful fires did it set a-going while in the drink traffic?" — Be this as it may, we'd like to have "tape recordings" of some of the conversations there. — If this picture was taken in 1882 (no railway) it does put the lie to our statements in the past issues that the Ferguson store was built in 1883. Was Mr. A. G. Williams wrong, or did we quote him in error? Note, the roof; but it may have been changed when the store was enlarged. Apparently this building was erected no later than 1881, and if Mr. Williams did build it, as we understood him to say, he would have undergone incorporation it was the den of the "printer's devil," who, from its recesses mixed brains and ink together so as to mould public opinion. Afterwards it taken the task as a very young man of 20 or 21, as his birth date was Sept. 10, 1860. — The name "Queen's Hotel" is decipherable on the original picture; as well as "Tin Shop" across the street; while "D. J. McQueen" is faintly visible. See comment in this issue re the history of the Brown mill. The other buildings were destroyed in a big fire in 1892, a frightening experience in the life of the young author-to-be of "I Lived in Paradise."